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ABSTRACT: State Route 22 (SR-22) is one of two east/west freeways in Orange County, connecting five major freeways: Interstate 605 (I-605), Interstate 405 (I-405), Interstate 5 (I-5), State Route 57 (SR-57), and State Route 55 (SR-55). The purpose of the proposed SR-22/West Orange County Connection project is to improve mobility and enhance safety within the corridor, while minimizing environmental and economic impacts. Under existing conditions, SR-22 does not meet the capacity needs of the area. To provide a higher level of operation for existing and anticipated traffic volumes, the alternatives for the proposed SR-22/West Orange County Connection improvements include incorporating up-to-date technological traffic control systems, enhancing interchanges and ramp configurations, improving auxiliary highway lanes and adjacent arterials, providing high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) lanes and allowing additional travel mode choices. The alternatives studied in the Draft EIR/EIS included the No Build, TSM/Expanded Bus Service, Reduced Build, and Full Build. The alternatives studied in this Final EIS/EIR include the (Enhanced) Reduced Build Alternative. Potential impacts include those related to cultural and biological resources, community cohesion, residential and non-residential displacements, transportation and circulation, noise, parks, and visual resources. Comments should be sent to Leslie Manderscheid at the address shown above by